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Christmas season kicks off with parade

Flags are flying downtown

BY DAVID BOWSER

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in downtown Pampa, and one of the most noticeable reasons is the appearance of some flags on the sidewalk fluttering in the breeze.

"The flags are just a way that we are trying to get people as they are driving down the street to notice the downtown businesses," said Nikki Shelton, owner of Shutterbug Photography on Cuyler.

Although there are only a few now, within a week or so there should be a number of the festive flags. The idea is to get people to shop downtown for Christmas, Shelton said.

As president of the Downtown Business Association, Shelton said they had ordered the original flags from a company downstate, but they found that it was difficult to have messages printed on them. They've since turned to a local business, J&M Vinyl Signs and Designs, for a

second generation of flags.

"They're going to be vinyl and more sturdy," Shelton said.

Shelton said that they weren't able to easily print on the original flags the way the association thought they would be able to.

J&M did the painting on the flag in front of the Christmas Shop, part of Pampa Office Supply, another member of the Downtown Business Association.

"J&M is doing the printing," said Robin Simon, who has Pampa Office Supply with her husband Bill. "We just bought the flags from another company, but we're going to be doing them here in Pampa."

Shelton said she is having J&M paint one for her photo studio with "Santa is Coming."

"But Santa's not here yet," she laughed.

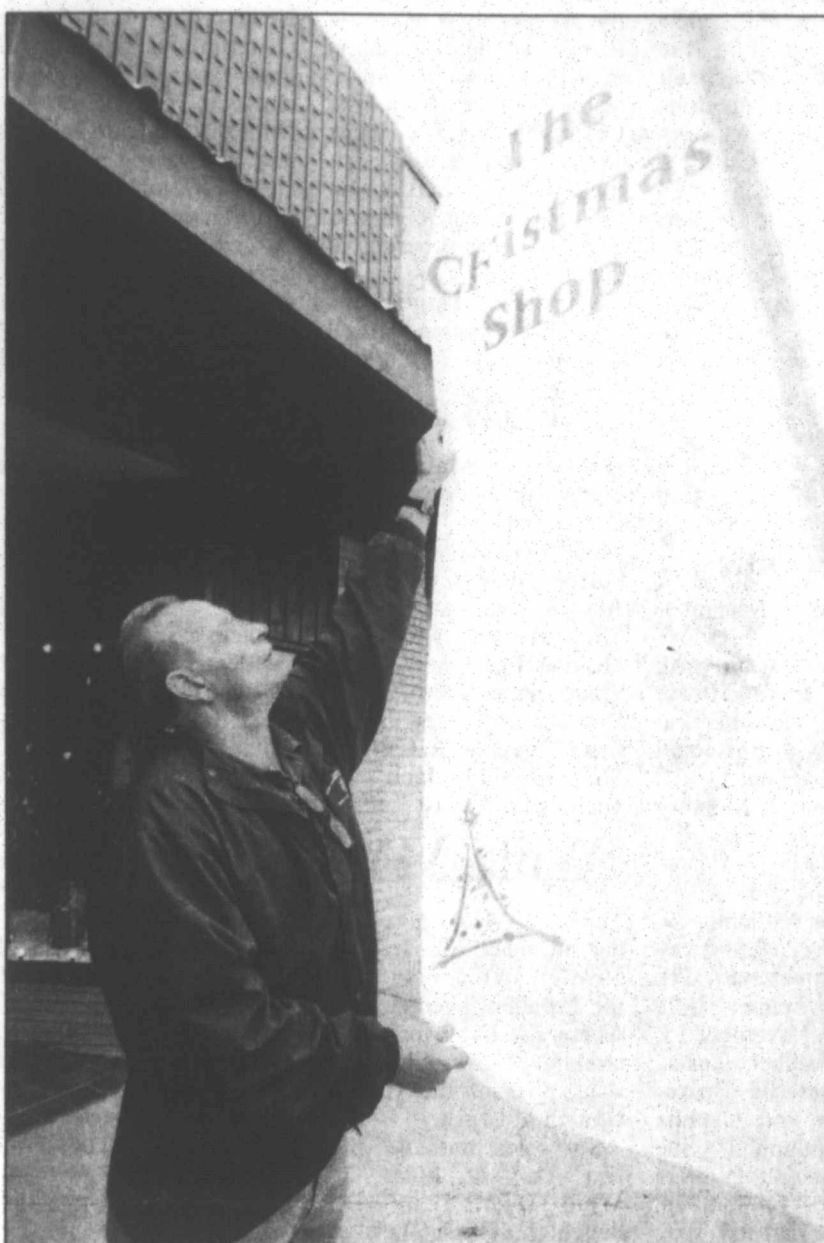
Shelton said that while many of the merchants had already ordered their flags from the first company, the Downtown

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DBA raising funds for tree lighting

The Downtown Business Association is raising funds to decorate trees downtown to enhance the Christmas experience for shoppers in Pampa.

The cost to put up and take down the lights that have become a tradition in downtown Pampa is about \$1,600. Individual or business donations for the tree lighting project are welcome. Donations may be sent to DBA Tree Lighting Fund, P.O. Box 2180 Pampa 79066



Bill Simon shows off the first flag put up this week by the downtown merchants as part of their Christmas promotion.

Saturday
Soup with Mrs.
Claus at 11:30 a.m.
Parade starts
at 2 p.m.

Santa will arrive by fire truck

BY DAVID BOWSER

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Instead of eight tiny reindeer, Santa will appear Saturday in Pampa's Christmas parade aboard a different kind of sleigh.

It's a bright red all right, but it also has an old windup siren and fire hoses.

"It'll scream," said Pampa Firefighter Jason Brown.

The siren has a distinctive sound.
"It's an old pumper," said Fire Capt. Mike Day.

Officially designated Parade 1, Pampa firefighters know it affectionately as the Old Mack.

A 1957 Mack truck, the carefully maintained fire engine is used only for parades these days. The equipment on it still works and could theoretically be pulled into action, but the certification on the old warhorse has been updated, said Brown.

Capt. Day, a 25-year veteran of the Pampa Fire Department, recalls his early days at the department. He made a number of calls on Old Mack.

In those days, he said, the fire engine was used to battle structure fire.

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Burkett announces run for district clerk

Sandra Burkett announced today her intent to file for the office of district clerk in the March, 2010 Republican Primary. Burkett is a 17 year employee of the district clerk's office having served as chief deputy since 1999. She has worked in all areas of the office including child

support, civil, criminal, passports, summoning juries, preparing transcripts for civil and criminal appeals and preparing monthly financial reports to the county and state.

District Clerk Gaye Honderich said she will step down at the end of 2010 when her term expires. "I



Sandra Burkett

am delighted that Sandra has chosen to run", Honderich

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Christmas Moo-La
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A cartoon illustration of a cow standing and facing forward. The cow is wearing a black Santa hat with a white pom-pom. It has large, expressive eyes and a small, smiling mouth. In its right front hoof, it is holding a small, grey cash register with a single coin slot on top. The cow is standing on four legs, with its tail slightly curved. The background is plain white.

For the record

PAMPA FORECAST

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		
High 30 Low 18	High 34 Low 21	High 45 Low 26

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of snow after midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 21. Wind chill values between 14 and 19. North northeast wind around 5 mph.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of snow, mainly after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 30. Wind chill values between 9 and 19. East northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 18. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 34. Calm wind becoming west southwest between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 21. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 45. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Dec. 1.

Anthony Alan Caviness, 56, was arrested by deputies for insufficient bond in connection with charges of driving while intoxicated, third or more offense, and public intoxication.

Kenyon James Kendall, 23, was arrested by deputies on charges of failure to appear.

Jesus Soto, 30, was arrested by deputies on charges of sexual assault of a child.

Terry Glenn Honeycutt, 41, was arrested by deputies on bond surrender on charges of tempering with an identification number.

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

There were 12 traffic-related calls.

The Pampa Fire Department reported seven fire-related calls.

Man convicted of killing girl to die Thursday

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Bobby Wayne Woods was charged with abducting an 11-year-old girl, raping her and fatally slashing her throat, and of beating and choking her 9-year-old brother and leaving him for dead by a cemetery.

The outcry in Hood County, near Fort Worth, was so great that Wood's capital murder trial was moved.

Former Hood County District Attorney Richard

Animal control reported 12 animal related calls. Pampa EMS reported six medical calls.

Tuesday, Dec. 1.

A runaway was reported to the police department.

A theft was reported to police.

A theft was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1100 block of Huff.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

A theft was reported in the 2800 block of North Charles.

Officers assisted another agency in the 1200 block of North Garland.

A fraud was reported to police.

A suspicious person was reported at Hobart and Somerville.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 900 block of East Gordon.

Wednesday, Dec. 2.

A burglary was reported in the 700 block of North Banks.

A burglary was reported in the 1300 block of North Coffee.

A burglary was reported in the 1100 block of Neel.

Mattox remembers that "everybody in town wanted a piece of Woods."

A jury in Llano, about 125 miles away, got the case and decided Woods should die for the April 1997 slaying of Sarah Patterson, who was his ex-girlfriend's daughter. Sarah was taken with her brother from their home in Granbury.

The 44-year-old Woods was set for execution Thursday evening in Huntsville.

Obituaries

George W. Gamblin, 79

Pampa— George W. Gamblin, 79, died December 1, 2009, in Pampa, Texas.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 3, 2009, at First Christian Church, with Rev. Roy King, interim minister, and Paul Carruth, associate area minister for the Christian Church in the Southwest, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Gamblin was born April 4, 1930 in Cushing, Oklahoma, to Clay and Mona Gamblin. He was raised in Pampa, attending Horace Mann Elementary and graduating from Pampa High School in 1948. He was very proud

of both schools and being a Pampa Harvester. George was the captain of the 1948 Harvester basketball team and was an all-district pitcher for the first organized Pampa High School baseball team. He married Mardell Hawkins on August 18, 1950 in Pampa. He was employed as a salesman for H. R. Thompson Parts & Supply for 48 years, working in Pampa and the surrounding Panhandle area. George was a member of the First Christian Church since 1956, serving various positions in the church during his membership. He was awarded Elder Emeritus in 2008.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Mardell Gamblin of the home;

four sons, Kris Gamblin and wife Terry of Pampa, Marshall Gamblin and wife Sheryl of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Kory Gamblin of Fort Worth, and Grant Gamblin of Dallas; four grandchildren: Stephanie McGee and husband Sam, Jennifer Wehrli and husband Jeff, all of Bethany, Oklahoma, David Gamblin and wife Michelle of Lewisville, and Kyle Gamblin and wife Amy of Pampa; seven great-grandchildren, Ella, Emerson, Duncan, Gage, Josh, Silas and Molly; and a brother: Buford Gamblin of Little Elm. George was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Bill Gamblin; and a great-grandson, Max O'Neal Wehrli.

MEMORIALS: First



Gamblin

Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, Texas 79065.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5:30-7:00 PM on Wednesday, December 2, 2009.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Patricia Nichols, 84

Pampa— Patricia Nichols, 84, died November 30, 2009, in Amarillo, Texas.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 3, 2009, at Memory Gardens Mausoleum, with Reverends Ernie and Suzie Wilkinson, deacons at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, officiating.

Entombment in Memory

Gardens Mausoleum, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Nichols was born June 6, 1925 in Quanah. She was a graduate of Quanah High School, North Texas State University in Denton, and West Texas State University in Canyon. She married Jack W. Nichols on August 3, 1947

in Quanah. He preceded her in death on December 13, 2004. Patricia was a school teacher in Quanah for a year, and Pampa ISD, retiring after 20 years of service. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1947, and was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include a brother, Malcolm Bottoms

of Quanah; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

MEMORIALS: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 727 W. Browning, Pampa, Texas, BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79105, or a favorite charity.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Willa Mae Williams, 79

Texas. He preceded her in death on July 2, 1994. Willa moved to the Eufaula/Checotah area where she lived for about twenty years. She was a member of the Hilltop Church of Christ.

Survivors include her son, Troy D. Fulton of White Deer, Texas; her daughters, Paula West of Checotah, Taleta Fulton of Checotah and Sharon Joplin also of Checotah. She is also survived by six grandchildren, six great grandchildren and one on the way. She is preceded

ed in death by her parents, two sisters, Mildred Lindell and Betty Knight and four brothers, James Campbell, Ross Campbell, William Campbell and George Campbell.

Graveside services will be held 10:00 a.m.,

Friday, December 4, 2009, at the Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, Texas. Memorial contributions may be made to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 NM 236, Portales, New Mexico 88130.

LAST MINUTE ADS

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Google allows publishers to strengthen 'pay walls'

LONDON (AP) — In a move that could help improve relations between Google Inc. and the media industry, the Internet search company is offering publishers a way to build more solid "pay walls" around their online stories while still appearing in search results.

In an official blog post Tuesday, Google said it will let publishers limit the number of restricted articles that readers can get for free through its search engine.

The change could remove one significant hurdle publishers face as they contemplate charging readers online. Many newspapers are considering such fees because online advertising on free sites hasn't offset the precipitous decline in print ad revenue that has come with the recession and competition from the Web.

The Wall Street Journal is perhaps the best example of how the new tool could help.

The newspaper charges for access to most articles on its Web site, but its pay wall is "leaky." Readers can grab the first sentence from a preview of the story, punch it in to Google and access the full story in the search results.

The Journal could simply block Google from indexing its stories, but that would cut traffic to its site significantly. Less traffic means less ad revenue.

The problem has infuriated executives at News Corp., which owns the Journal.

News Corp. Chairman Rupert Murdoch told a conference organized by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission on Tuesday that media companies should charge for content and stop news aggregators such as Google from "feeding off the hard-earned efforts and investments of others."

The change to Google's "First Click Free" program would allow publishers to limit the number of paid articles a reader could access through its search engine to five per day.

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FSA ballot deadline Monday

Pampa — Matthew Street, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Gray County today reminded farmers, ranchers and other eligible voters to cast ballots in local FSA County Committee elections before next Monday's deadline.

"It is crucial that all farmers and ranchers in Gray County vote in this election to give them a voice in how FSA programs are administered in our area," said Street.

Ballots were mailed to eligible voters earlier this month. Eligible producers who did not receive ballots should contact their local FSA offices immediately.

Ballots must be returned to FSA offices or postmarked by Dec. 7, 2009. Elections may be challenged by nominees within

15 days after the results of an election are posted. Newly elected Committee members and alternates take office Jan. 1, 2010.

FSA Committee members play an important role in their communities by making decisions on commodity price support loans and payments; conservation and disaster programs, and other important issues.

Every committee has three to five elected members. More than 8,000 County Committee members serve in more than 2,300 FSA offices nationwide. This year, approximately one-third of those seats are up for election.

Burkett

said. "She's a wonderful employee and she'll serve Gray County well. The office requires knowledge of the laws that govern the duties of the district clerk. Sandra has been the chief deputy in the district clerk's office since 1999 and has a thorough knowledge of these duties.

"Her experience and willingness to embrace technology will help keep costs down during a time when the county is grow-

ing and the economy is struggling.

"I fully support her bid for election."

Honderich added, "I have enjoyed serving the citizens of Gray County, working with all the district judges, the county judge, the county commissioners and all the court-house employees."

"We are going to miss Gaye", Burkett said, "she has greatly improved the efficiency

of the clerk's office during her terms as District Clerk. We now have a public access computer where anyone can research files and print the imaged documents directly from that computer."

Burkett and her husband Ken have lived in Pampa since 1990. They have 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren. They are members of Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ.

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Santa

The city bought the truck new in 1957, according to Deputy Fire Chief Randy Dunham.

"It was a front line pump-er," Day said, "but it's been a while ago."

Old black and white photographs on the wall of Central Fire Station show it gleaming new amid proud firefighters a generation ago.

"It was in service when I

got here," Day said.

In those days, it was known simply as No. 8.

The Old Mack was ultimately retired in the late 1980s, and while newer models replaced it, the veteran pump-er is kept at the city's garage in one end of the old U.S. Bus Barn.

This week, the fire engine will be driven from the bus barn to Central Fire Station to be polished and outfitted

for Saturday's Christmas Parade.

"We'll put tinsel and things on it," Day said. "We'll make it more Christmassy."

He said they'll affix a chair in back in the old hose beds. That's where Santa Claus will sit and wave at the crowds.

"We'll get it all decorated up," Day said.

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US commander: Offer Taliban chance to end fight

KABUL (AP) — The Taliban rebuffed President Barack Obama's new war plan on Wednesday, saying his strategy to send 30,000 new troops, build up Afghan security forces and work to convince insurgents to put down their weapons "will face fiasco."

Obama announced he was sending 30,000 more U.S. troops to the unpopular war. If conditions are right, Obama said American troops could begin leaving Afghanistan in 18 months. Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, said the Afghan government and its international partners should use the coming 18 months to convince the Taliban they can't win and offer militants a way to quit the insurgency "with dignity."

In a statement, the Taliban said the Obama administration's plan was "no solution for the problems of Afghanistan" and would give the insurgents an opportunity "to increase their attacks and shake the American economy which is already facing crisis."

The Taliban statement said Obama set a tentative pullout date in July 2011 to lessen the sensitivities of the Afghans about the troop buildup and decrease the American public's opposition to the war. "This stratagem will not pay off. The reinforcement will result into (their) fatalities."

In a pep speech to troops in Kandahar, McChrystal said the main thrust of the new strategy will be in Afghanistan's volatile south where the Taliban's influence is the strongest. He said the conflict will continue for a while, but that by

December 2011, it will be clearer which direction it is headed.

"We don't talk about the number of insurgents that have been killed, because it's not about how many we've killed. It's about preventing them from having access to the population," McChrystal said, stressing the need to bring security to the Afghan people.

The Afghan government welcomed Obama's announcement but cautioned against setting a deadline for handing over security to Afghan forces and starting to withdraw. Reaction among Afghans and U.S. soldiers was mixed, with many wondering whether the Afghan government can meet the challenges of fighting both corruption and the insurgents and whether the surge means more Afghan civilians will die.

He said the Afghan government and the coalition should also use that period "to convince the Taliban and the people from whom they recruit that they cannot win — that there is not a way for the insurgency to win militarily."

At the same time, he said the U.S. should support the Afghan government in a reintegration program to allow insurgents a way to return to society.

"I think they should be faced with the option to come back if they are willing to come back under the constitution of Afghanistan — that they can come back with dignity," he said. "If you look at the end of most civil wars and insurgencies, I think that everybody needs a chance to come back with dignity and respect and rejoin society. I think that will be important for us to look forward to."

Flags

Business Association has purchased six of the new signs from J&M for downtown.

"We really got going on it just two weeks ago," Simon said.

She said J&M painted a couple of flags for the downtown merchants quickly.

"We have a lot of retailers on board now with putting flags out," Simon said. She said that in addi-

tion to having the flags on Cuyler, they'll have some that lead from other parts of town to the downtown area.

All of them, she said, will be customized with original signs and artwork. The one that's in front of the Simon's Christmas Shop sports a Christmas tree.

"The Pampa Chamber of Commerce called and wanted to use our tree,"

Simon said, "so that one may be a predominate pattern."

Despite the Christmas motif on the flags going up this week, Simon said they will have other flags that can be used year around to add to the color and excitement of downtown.

"I think we'll have some for other seasons," Simon said.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I am a 30-year-old woman who has recently discovered my biological family. I have a wonderful half-brother and several other amazing people I can now call family.

The issue I'm struggling with is my profound attraction to my half-brother. I know it's morally wrong, and I may be confusing the newfound relationship with him. Your perspective would be very much appreciated. -- CONFLICTED IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CONFLICTED: Physical attraction is a reflex -- and not something we can control. Our BEHAVIOR, on the other hand, is something we CAN control.

This is a case of wrong time, wrong place. If you had been a member of the royal family in Egypt 3,000 years ago, you could have married your half-brother and continued the dynasty. But this is 2009 and the USA, so you're just going to have to satisfy your physical attraction with someone less incestuous.

DEAR ABBY: Is it rude to label one's leftover food when staying with relatives? My husband, daughter and I visit his family often. When we go out to eat and bring leftovers back to the house, we usually label them if we want to eat them later.

It has never seemed out of the ordinary to me. I was raised that way. My mother always said that if I didn't want something eaten by one of my siblings, then I should label it.

Recently, my husband's sister (who is 16) asked if she could eat the rest of some pizza we had bought the night before. I politely responded that I planned to have it for lunch. She remarked that she thinks it is funny that

we are so protective of our food. It got me to thinking -- is our behavior odd?

-- TAKEN ABACK IN WASHINGTON

DEAR TAKEN ABACK: Considering that you come from a family in which anything in the fridge was considered fair game among your siblings, it's not odd at all. And when your sister-in-law said what she did, you should have explained that to her. Had you done so, she wouldn't have questioned it.

DEAR ABBY: My 20-year-old daughter, "Marissa," is self-centered, lies compulsively and does not consider the consequences of her actions. She has been diagnosed with narcissistic personality disorder. We have just learned that she is now pregnant, and her father and I are not happy about it.

We will eventually be

meeting the parents of the child's father. Is it our responsibility to discuss Marissa's problems with them? Or should we keep our mouths shut and pretend we are happy? -- TRYING TO DECIDE IN WISCONSIN

DEAR TRYING TO DECIDE: Does the young man know about your daughter's diagnosis and what it means? If not, then HE should be told and the implications explained to him.

Because your daughter's personality disorder will affect their son and the grandchild, his parents should also be informed. Ideally, he is the person who should do it. But if he doesn't, lay all the cards on the table because the other grandparents should be prepared.

And no, you do not have to "pretend" to be happy about the situation. And neither do they.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

6	1	2	9	7	4	8	3	5
3	9	8	2	5	6	4	1	7
7	5	4	8	1	3	9	6	2
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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 2, the 336th day of 2009. There are 29 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Dec. 2, 1859, militant abolitionist John Brown was hanged for his raid on Harpers Ferry the previous October. Artist Georges-Pierre Seurat was born in Paris.

On this date:

In 1804, Napoleon crowned himself Emperor of the French.

In 1823, President James Monroe outlined his doctrine opposing European expansion in the Western Hemisphere.

'Misery loves company— but company does not reciprocate.'

— Addison Mizner,
American architect

In 1927, Ford Motor Co. formally unveiled its second Model A automobile, the successor to its Model T.

In 1939, New York Municipal Airport-LaGuardia Field (later LaGuardia Airport) went into operation as an airliner from Chicago landed at one minute past midnight.

In 1942, an artificially created, self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction was demonstrated for the first time, at the University of Chicago.

In 1954, the Senate voted to condemn Wisconsin Republican Joseph R. McCarthy for conduct that "tends to bring the Senate into disrepute."

In 1969, the Boeing 747 jumbo jet got its first public preview as 191 people, most of them reporters and photographers, flew from Seattle to New York City.

In 1970, the Environmental Protection Agency began operating under director William Ruckelshaus.

In 1980, four American churchwomen were raped and murdered outside San Salvador. (Five national guardsmen were convicted in the killings.)

In 1989, President George H.W. Bush and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev held the first talks of their wind-tossed Malta summit aboard the Soviet cruise ship Maxim Gorky.

Ten years ago: Relative calm was restored in Seattle, where a meeting of the World Trade Organization was greeted earlier with sometimes violent demonstrations. All six Republican presidential hopefuls, including Texas Gov. George W. Bush, debated in Manchester, N.H. In Northern Ireland, a power-sharing cabinet of Protestants and Catholics sat down together for the first time.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush chose former New York police commissioner Bernard Kerik to run the Department of Homeland Security. (Kerik withdrew his name days later, citing immigration problems with a former nanny; he later pleaded guilty to eight felonies, including lying to the White House.) Bush announced that Nebraska Gov. Mike Johanns was his choice as the next agriculture secretary, replacing Ann Veneman. U.N. ambassador John Danforth resigned after five months representing the U.S. at the world body. Dame Alicia Markova, one of the 20th century's greatest ballerinas, died in Bath, England, a day after turning 94. Pulitzer-winning poet Mona Van Duyn, the nation's first female poet laureate, died in University City, Mo., at age 83.

One year ago: President-elect Barack Obama promised swift action on an economic plan "to solve this crisis and to ease the burden on our states." Republican Saxby Chambliss won a Georgia runoff, denying Democrats a 60-seat, filibuster-proof majority in the Senate (until Al Franken's belated victory over Norm Coleman in Minnesota). Folk singer Odetta died in New York at age 77. Henry Molaison, the patient known as "H.M." whose severe amnesia led to groundbreaking studies of how memory works, died in Connecticut at age 82.

Today's Birthdays: Character actor Bill Erwin is 95. Former Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig is 85. Actress Julie Harris is 84. Former Attorney General Edwin Meese III is 78. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid is 70. Actress Cathy Lee Crosby is 65. Movie director Penelope Spheeris is 64. Actor Ron Raines is 60. Country singer John Wesley Ryles is 59. Actor Keith Szarabjka is 57. Actor Dan Butler is 55. Broadcast journalist Stone Phillips is 55. Actor Dennis Christopher is 54. Actor Steven Bauer is 53. Figure skater Randy Gardner is 52. Country singer Joe Henry is 49. Rock musician Rick Savage (Def Leppard) is 49. Rock musician Nate Mendel (Foo Fighters) is 41. Actress Rena Sofer is 41. Rock singer Jimi HaHa (Jimmie's Chicken Shack) is 41. Actress Lucy Liu is 41. Rapper Treach (Naughty By Nature) is 39. Tennis player Monica Seles is 36. Singer Nelly Furtado is 31. Pop singer Britney Spears is 28. Actress Daniela Ruah ("NCIS: Los Angeles") is 26. Actor Alfie Enoch ("Harry Potter") is 21. Actresses Daniella and Deanna Canterman are 17.

WHAT WE NOW KNOW ABOUT TIGER WOODS' ACCIDENT:



Graduation rates too low

Austin American-Statesman on academics and athletics:

We want to applaud our super Texas Longhorns team that is 12-0 with Thursday's victory over the Aggies. Texas, No. 3 in The Associated Press and BCS rankings, is well-positioned to be in the national championship, and quarterback Colt McCoy is a leading candidate for the Heisman Trophy.

But the euphoria over those accomplishments is eclipsed by the lagging and, frankly, poor graduation rates that have plagued the Horns. In the classroom, Texas trails the No. 1 team in football, Florida, which had a 69 percent graduation rate for its football players, and No. 2 ranked Alabama, which had a graduation rate of 67 percent in the NCAA's annual Graduation Rate report that was released last week.

For the classes that entered college from 1999 to 2002 and in each case were given six years to graduate under NCAA guidelines, only 49 percent of Texas football players earned degrees. To understand just how poorly Texas fared in that competition, consider that none of the 25 schools listed in that week's (Nov. 15) BCS rankings had a lower graduation rate.

Also, UT's graduation rate was lower than and this hurts Mississippi's. Ole Miss graduated at least two of three (69 percent) of its football players. Ouch.

So how did the Horns fare among Big 12 football programs? Ouch again. Only Oklahoma, at 45 percent, had a lower graduation rate than Texas. Surely, Coach Mack Brown and company can do better. Surely the football players can do better.

To accomplish that, Brown and UT leaders

must build a program that values the classroom as much as the playing field. College athletes should be prepared for life and work after they exhaust their eligibility and scholarships. A good education is a plus, and a degree even better, whether student athletes play professional sports or not.

It is worth noting that individual Longhorns are doing well academically and the team looks better academically when measured by other markers.

The Longhorns led the Big 12 for the fourth straight year in all-conference academic selections with 16 players on the first team and 24 members on the overall list. And Texas did much better on the NCAA's Academic Progress Rate. That is a snapshot that shows how well current students are progressing toward a degree.

By contrast, Graduation Success Rates are more meaningful than other benchmarks because they measure graduation over time, says Walter Harrison, chairman of the NCAA committee on academic performance and president of the University of Hartford.

The Graduation Success Rates for UT baseball also were bleak 37 percent, the lowest score for the 10 Big 12 schools that play baseball. The men's basketball team graduated 47 percent. In the Big 12, only UT scored under 50 percent in all three of those sports.

There were silver linings in the report: Every UT women's sport had a graduation rate of at least 80 percent, including tennis at 100 percent and women's basketball at 96 percent. Terrific.

In men's sports, we've been willing to accept lagging graduation rates as long as UT teams are successful. That attitude has created high expectations

for athletes on the field or court and low expectations in the classroom.

Certainly UT can do better. So let's hook 'em in the classroom, too.

San Antonio Express-News on retention and low graduation rates in Texas colleges and universities:

Low retention and low graduation rates are big problems for colleges and universities in Texas and across the country.

A lot of time, energy and money are spent recruiting and enrolling new students, but the lack of follow through to ensure success once the students arrive on campus is often pathetic.

The graduation rates at Texas colleges and universities indicate that high enrollment rates do not necessarily translate into more diplomas two, four or even six years down the road.

This cannot be allowed to continue. More needs to

be done to ensure student success and help Texas meet its goals of increasing the number of college graduates in the state.

The Lumina Foundation for Education, an Indianapolis-based nonprofit, recently awarded Texas a \$1.8 million grant to help it increase its college graduation rates.

Texas is one of seven states the Lumina Foundation has targeted for this project. The nonprofit has awarded a total of \$9.1 million to the states to work on increasing the number of college graduates.

At present, higher education funding is calculated on the enrollment on the 12th day of class, giving college administrators little incentive to make sure students do not drop their classes after that date.

Forcing institutions of higher education to concentrate on the retention and graduation of their students if they want to maintain their funding should improve student outcomes tremendously.

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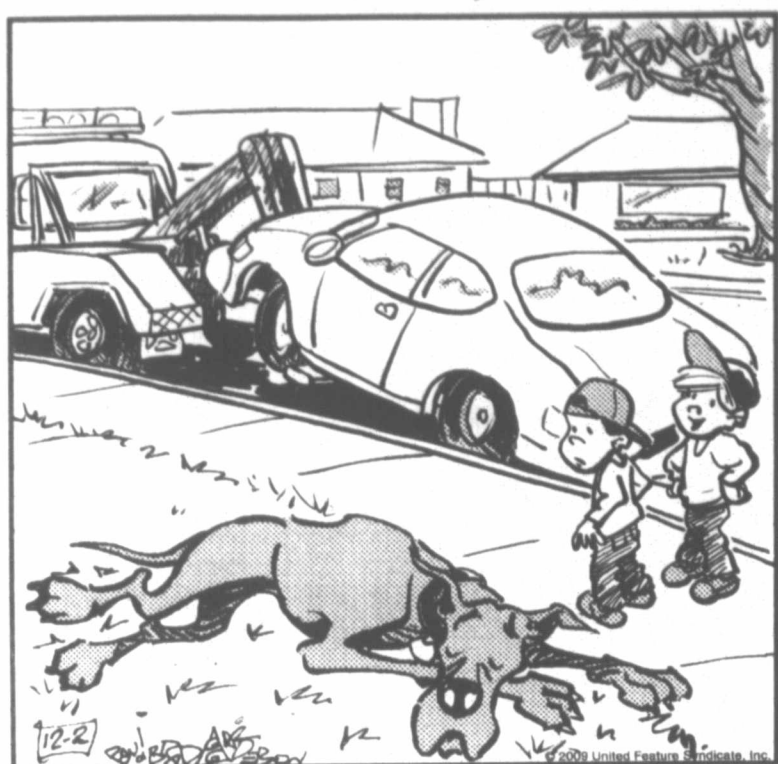
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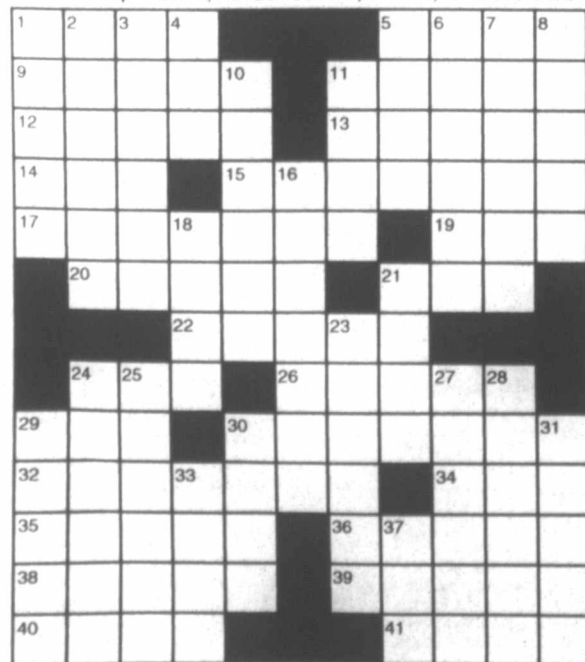
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** What an odd path you have experienced in recent days. First you forge straight ahead, only to get caught and nearly lost in the brambles of life. Pressure builds with bosses, and your concerns surround home and family. Do you feel as if you are in a pressure cooker? You are. Tonight: Singing a new tune. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** You could be upset about a personal matter and are trying to calm down. Discussions open up in the afternoon, allowing greater publicity and possibilities. Agreement might not be a possibility right now. Tonight: Hanging out might be fun. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Though you might feel like you stumbled out of bed, once you pull your-

self together, nearly anything can happen. If you relax and curb a need to be possessive, a lot opens up. Tonight: Know what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** You move from slow gear to full speed ahead by the afternoon. Be careful, you could step on someone's feet inadvertently. You might want to fix a problem or move in a new direction. Tonight: Think positively. The world is your oyster. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Use the a.m. for anything you deem important and necessary. How you proceed and what happens could be interesting, to say the least. Realize you have had enough of hassles with a key friend, but deal with it diplomatically. Tonight: Say "yes."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** You might not be on top of your game and are going nowhere fast. Instead of spinning your wheels, stop. A child or loved one's power play might feel all-encompassing, until you discover the only way to win is not to play. Tonight: Find your friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** In the morning, you grasp someone's logic, but by the afternoon, there is little that you can do. You could be so fed up with the process that you barely know which way to turn. Tonight: Just do what you must.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** A key associate or partner gives you direction. You know what is needed to make a situation more workable. Your belief system could open many doors and allow greater flexibility, if you could wipe away judgment! Tonight: Put on some holiday music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Others continue to want to have things happen as they like. You have the ability to move forward and handle a changeable event. But you might be better off just letting events happen and letting others see the results of their actions.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** You meet someone who really pushes your buttons. Resist boxing this person in, knowing full well what could happen. If you relax and understand rather than impose your will, the end results actually might be better. Tonight: Listen to someone else's suggestions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Your humor and creativity could save the day, if others are in the mood to receive your message. Focus on getting done what you must in the afternoon. Someone not understanding could trip you up. Tonight: Do only what you consider relaxing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Your fire and energy easily could be misfocused. You might wonder what you are doing and why. Listen to news with an eye to greater possibilities and opportunities. Dance to someone else's tune, just for now. Tonight: Get into the Christmas spirit ... do some elf work.

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Sports

Lady Harvesters need OT to down Rangerettes

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The last time the Pampa Lady Harvesters had a winning streak was over two seasons ago. On Tuesday night the Lady Harvesters won their second consecutive game 53-50 in overtime over the Perryton Rangerettes in Perryton.

Head Coach Gene Valentine was happy for his team for winning consecutive games.

"It means a great deal to them," Valentine said. "These girls have over come a lot of adversity this last (year) and have work hard. The hard work is starting to payoff."

Perryton had a 42-38 lead with less than two minutes left in the fourth quarter. Andi Hutto hit a two to cut the Rangerettes lead to two. Liz Hoelting got a steal and after a timeout Pampa tied the game at 42. Perryton tried to make the winning shot at the end of regulation but missed.

In overtime, the Lady Harvesters took an early five point lead at 47-42. The Rangerettes followed with an 7-2 run to

tie the game at 49. After Emilie Troxell missed a shot, Taym Eubank got the rebound and was fouled. Eubank made both free throws to put Pampa ahead for good at 51-49. Valentine was proud of how his team played and fought during the game.

"These girls never did believe they were not going to be able to win," Valentine said. "They knew that if we just kept on executing on offense and continue to intensify the defense we were still going to have a chance."

The Rangerettes got the last shot of the game but it did not fall.

Eubank led the team in scoring with 22 points. Kirsten Kuhn scored 12 points off the bench. Eubank led the team in rebounds with 11. Valentine said Kuhn's aggressiveness was key to their victory.

"We began to get them and foul trouble and getting to the free-throw line," Valentine said. "She hit some big shots, but she also helped in picking up the pace of the game. Her defensive intensity really

helped spark our transition game."

In the first quarter both teams exchanged baskets at the beginning. With the Lady Harvesters ahead 7-6, Pampa took control the rest of the quarter. The Lady Harvesters went on an 8-0 run to expand their lead to 15-8. Pampa led 16-12 after the first quarter.

Both teams were streakish in the second quarter. The Lady Harvesters were in control early expanding their lead to 27-18. The Rangerettes ended the quarter on an 8-4 run to trail 31-26 at halftime.

Neither team could buy a basket in the third quarter as both teams combined for 12 points. The Lady Harvesters were ahead 35-28 in third before the Rangerettes went on a run. Hoelting committed a foul which led to two free throws by Perryton. The Rangerettes made a three-pointer to cut Pampa's lead to 35-34 after three quarters.

The Lady Harvesters (4-5) will be playing in the River Road tournament Thursday through Saturday.



Cori Cook (14) sinks the game-tying basket with 8.9 seconds left in the fourth quarter. The Lady Harvesters won 53-50 in overtime over the Perryton Rangerettes Tuesday in Perryton. (Photo credit Hugh Parker Perryton Herald).

Hustlin' Harvesters outdueled by Rangers

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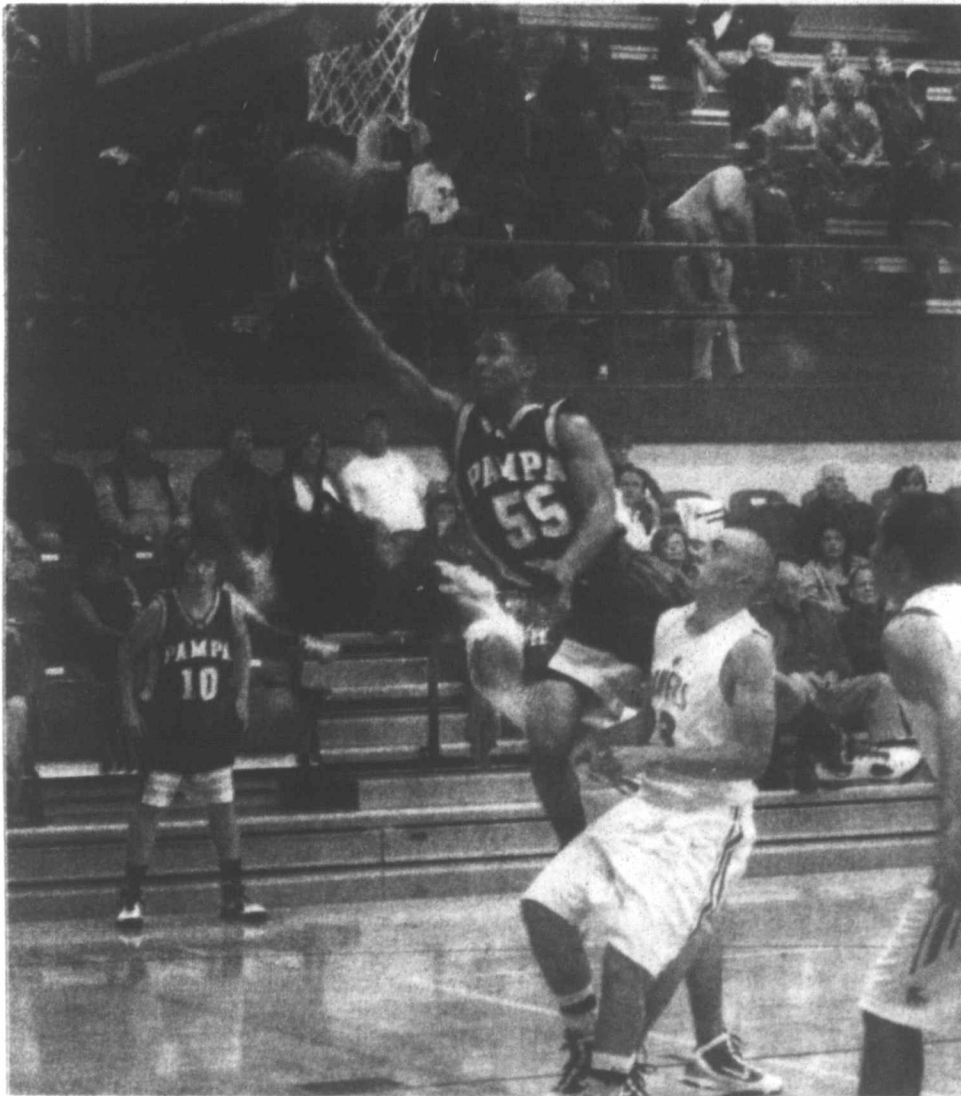
The Pampa Harvesters lost their second consecutive game 77-68 to the Perryton Rangers Tuesday in Perryton.

Head Coach Dustin Miller said a lot of factors led to their defeat.

"We didn't shoot the ball very well as a whole," Miller said. "Our defense was really not very good, we kind of let them get to the basket way too easy."

Pampa got off to a slow start in the first quarter as they missed their first three shots allowing the Rangers to take a 5-0 lead. The Harvesters went on a 9-2 run to take a 9-7 lead with seven of those nine points coming from free throws. The Harvesters didn't make their first basket until 2:42 left in the first when Latigo Collins made a shot. Both teams exchanged baskets the rest of the quarter. The Harvesters led 15-14 at the end of the quarter.

In the second quarter, both teams exchanged baskets at first but the Harvesters went on a run. Pampa outscored Perryton 9-1 to expand their lead



Ryan Jimenez (55) goes for a lay-up between two Perryton defenders. The Harvesters lost 77-68 Tuesday in Perryton. (Photo credit Hugh Parker Perryton Herald).

The Lefors Pirates and Lady Pirates basketball games against Silverton Tuesday were canceled due to inclement weather.

to 28-19. The Rangers closed the quarter on a 12-3 run as both teams went to the locker room tied at 31. Perryton held Alex Clendening to only five points in the first half. Miller said every team focuses on Clendening but his team responded fine.

"He is obviously everyone's focus," Miller said. "Latigo and Garrett Ericson picked up the scoring load just fine."

In the third quarter, the Harvesters made the first two baskets to take a 35-31 lead. Both teams exchanged baskets until the last few minutes of quarter. The Rangers went on a 6-1 run to take a 48-47 lead at the end of the third.

In the fourth quarter the Rangers took control opening the quarter on an 8-2 run to expand their lead to 55-48. The Harvesters wouldn't get closer than four points the rest of the game. The Rangers would lead by as much as eleven.

The Harvesters played in the Lions Club last weekend but Miller doesn't think his team was tired.

"Perryton is a really good team, they are extremely

tough to beat at Perryton," Miller said. "They have great crowds and they play well at home. The atmosphere of that game was very much like a district game."

The Harvesters are 0-2 in road games. Miller said losing is a concern but thinks his team will start playing better on the road.

"Everybody wants to defend their home court," Miller said. "But to get where we want to go we are going to have to find a way to win those types of games on someone else's court."

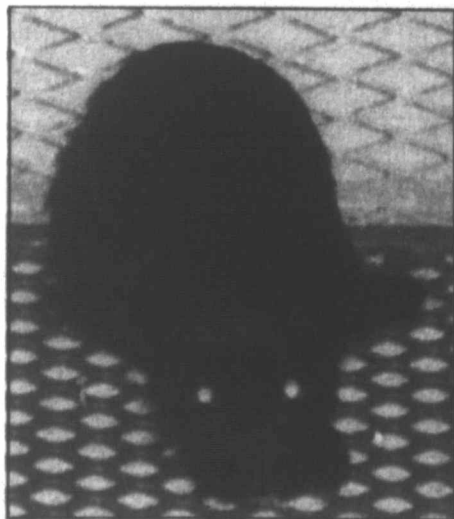
Collins led the team in scoring with 26 points. Garrett Ericson scored 15. Clendening and Travis Hagerman had 10 each. Clendening led the team in rebounds with 12. Hagerman had six and Ericson had four.

The Harvesters (3-4) will play at River Road for a varsity tournament Thursday through Saturday.

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